Statement

List of measures taken or available to National Film Development Corporation to realise the arrears

1. Corporation holds negative rights of all films financed by it. Thus without its consent, no print can be taken out from the laboratory for release purpose.

2. In case of default, demand notices are issued to Producers for repayment by a prescribed time failing which the case is referred to Chairman, NFDC for arbitration in terms of loan agreement. Award passed by arbitrator is filed in the court for obtaining decree and its execution.

3. Besides initiating legal action for recovery, Corporation adopts parallel measures for recovery of loan by selling rights of films in India and overseas territories, by offering film for telecast, exploiting film in non-commercial circuits, offering prints of films to Government Departments against royalty etc.

New Light Railway System in the country

1235. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to start new light railway system in various cities of the country during the 8th Plan Period;

(b) if so, the names of the cities where such Light Railway System (Underground) is likely to be introduced; and

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) Need for rail-based mass rapid transit systems in the metropolitan cities and other big cities is being increasingly felt. Feasibility reports have been prepared in case of some cities. The introduction of rail-based mass rapid transit systems involves heavy capital investments. Therefore, introduction of such systems will have to be considered at the time of finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan in the light of the national priorities and overall availability of resources. It is, therefore, not possible to identify the cities and the time frame for the introduction of such systems at this point of time.

Role of Housing Corporations

1236. SHRI *MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Eighth National Congress of Housing Corporation has recently recommended a major role for housing Corporations in the Eighth Plan Period;

(b) if so, the other recommendations made therein; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Eighth National Congress of Housing Cooperative held on 4th & 5th February, 1989 has stressed the need to assign a major role to the housing cooperatives during the 8th Five Year Plan in terms of financial allocation and land allotment. The National Housing Policy emphasises the need to strengthen the Cooperative movement in various ways.

Reduction of Ration Quota of Rice

1237. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether rice quota for Fair Price Shops has been reduced in the Capital;